

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the February 2, 2016 and February 4, 2016 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the January Treasurer's Report, Payroll and Payment of Bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mount Hope Cemetery Announcement
2. Forget Me Not Drive Announcement

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee stated the need for a solicitor's registration fee; Council concurred with a weekly certificate for \$50.00, monthly certificate for \$100 and annual certificate for \$400.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Ordinance #16-01, amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Registration of Solicitors in the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Olson, Barla, Spicer
Nays: None

Commissioner Applebee also reminded the public that no snowmobiles will be allowed in or around the Mount Hope Cemetery property.

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla announced that he wished to transfer money from the TIF 1 account to the Windmill account to pay back part of the loan for the Union Street project.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a transfer of \$74,000.00 from TIF 1 to Windmill to pay back part of loan from Windmill for the Union Street project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Comm. Barla indicated he is currently working with Treasurer Nancy Spampanato to procure department information necessary for completion of budget by the target date of March 15, 2016. Commissioner Barla presented rough percentages and stated that income statements will be collaborated and each department will be given information.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee gave a Seneca Police Department activity report by quarter for 2015 which included types of calls, total incidents and actions taken. In addition, Comm. Applebee asked Kathleen Haralson, Seneca EMA Director to review resolution 524; this resolution mirrors the LaSalle County Board and urges the Governor and General Assembly to release allocated nuclear reactor fees to designated local radiological emergency preparedness jurisdictions in Illinois.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Resolution #524, urging the Governor and General Assembly to release allocated nuclear reactor fees to designated local radiological emergency preparedness jurisdictions in Illinois.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Olson, Barla, Spicer
Nays: none

Public Comment:

Mr. John Bauer, resident indicated he felt due to recent issues with public safety concerns that he would like to have a neighborhood watch program instituted; he also offered he would like to have the Village purchase an undercover vehicle with an additional police officer during the week. Commissioner Applebee stated he has started process for initiating neighborhood watch program and that he would have the potential to move officer shifts from weekend to weekdays as needed but that an additional vehicle and/or additional officers would not be feasible at this time. Commissioner Barla added that anyone who witnesses any suspicious behavior should report directly to the Seneca Police Department and that it is a problem with surrounding communities at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morganflash indicated they have also been victimized; Comm. Barla reiterated that the best defense is that concerned citizens call into the police department with information.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the February 16, 2016 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk

